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Out here in the mid-west farm trucks are lining up these days at warehouses to take on loads of fertilizer. Commonly you can't get a farmer to put money into fertilizer until he's ready to spread it, but there's sound reason this yr for forehandedness. On Nov 19 the Mine, Mill & Smelter Workers union (CIO) called a strike at potash mines in Carlsbad, N M, an area producing some 85% of potash used in U S fertilizers. Since there's no substantial potash stockpile, this was obvious threat to vital food supply.

Picketing at mine gates was so rough even maintenance men couldn't get thru. The NLRB was forced to take a hand. Injunction has been granted under Section 10 (j) of Taft-Hartley Act and miners are now back at work. However, at best, fertilizer this season will be in short supply. At present rate, some dealers report they'll be cleaned out in 2 wks.

This MM&SW union is one of the most radical in CIO internat'l fold. Those who have long charged that it is communist-dominated now point to fact that stocks of Russian potash have suddenly appeared at Atlantic seaports—offered at double the domestic price. Thus far U S fertilizer men have been cool to for'gn product.

Potash is, of course, an essential element in commercial mixtures of fertilizer. Corn farmers know it as the element that stiffens the stalk and contributes to the nutritional content of the grain.

MAY WE *Quote* YOU ON THAT?

Pres HARRY S TRUMAN: "I have directed the Atomic Energy Commission to continue its work on all forms of atomic weapons, including the so-called hydrogen or super-bomb. Like all other work in the field of atomic weapons, it is being and will be carried forward on a basis consistent with the over-all objectives of our program for peace and security." 1-Q

Prof A M Low, pres, British Inst of Engineering: "Only a halfwit would believe the H-bomb could be banned. You might as well try to ban influenza." 2-Q

Rt Rev CHAS K GILBERT, Bishop of N Y: "I am opposed to the hydrogen bomb at this time. We should be much more concerned with trying to create peace in the world." 3-Q

Dr HAROLD C UREY, atomic scientist, favoring H-bomb development: "I do not think we should intentionally lose the armaments race. To do this would be to lose our liberties and, with Patrick Henry, I value my liberties more than my life." 4-Q

BERNARD BARUCH, elder statesman: "It is time we stopped treating the task of mobilizing America as a job for volunteer firemen." 5-Q

JOHN L LEWIS,* head of UMW: "Before you can get action, you've got to have a crisis. And in any crisis, someone's nerve has got to crack. I always bet that I can hold out longer than the gov't or the operators." 6-Q

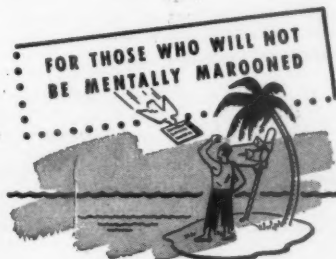
Delegate E L BARTLETT, of Alaska, declaring an enemy could easily capture Alaska, aim a "death blow at the U S" from airfields there: "It is enough to make an Ameri-

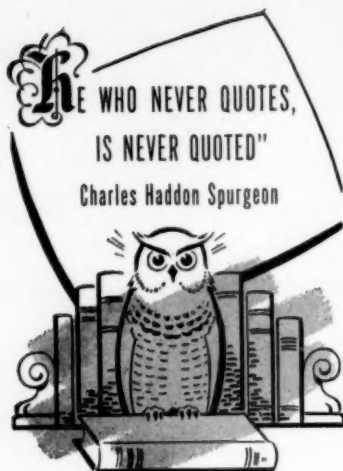
can shiver when he contemplates what is going on in Siberia, across the Bering strait." 7-Q

Dr O M SOLANDT, chmn, Canadian Defense Research Bd, predicting increased mechanization will eliminate manpower from World War III battlefields: "Navigation both in the air and on the sea will require little human intervention. The guided missiles of the future will be launched and controlled by machine." 8-Q

Sen JOHN W BRICKER, of Ohio, declaring Congress, not Pres, should have passed on H-bomb production: "We have gone thru the New Deal and the Fair Deal, and now we are going thru the ordeal." 9-Q

WINSTON CHURCHILL, Britain's wartime Prime Minister and Conservative Party leader: "The Socialist dream is no longer of utopia, but queuetopia." 10-Q





AGE—Education—1

Actually, you're never too old to learn. Columbia Univ psychologists have established that while the most efficient age for learning is between 14 and 25, thereafter, your ability to absorb new information decreases only 1% per yr. At 45, you're still able to learn more than you could before the age of 14. Even at 65, you still can absorb knowledge half as fast as you could when you were 25.—HAL BURTON, "Are You Driving a Model-T Mind?" *Better Homes & Gardens*, 1-'50.

AMERICA—Influence—2

The U S, not Russia, will have the most influence on world affairs in the last half of this century, in the opinion of nearly half the Canadian population. — GEO GALLUP, director, Canadian Inst of Public Opinion, *Montreal (Canada) Star*.

ARMAMENT—3

The armament race has something in common with the practices of primitive savage warriors who put on false faces to scare the daylight out of each other,

except, of course, that our armament race is not quite so civilized. —*Changing Times*.

ART—4

Painting is the art of protecting flat surfaces from the weather and exposing them to the critic.—AMBROSE BIERCE, American journalist, quoted in *American Artist*.

AUTOMOBILES—5

In the 1st transcontinental automobile race for light cars, made in '05, the trip covered 4,400 mi's and required 44 days or more.—*Science Digest*.

BIBLE—6

Richard Ellsworth Day comments "When I read Homer, I'm sorry all men cannot become giants. When I read the Bible, I know they can."—EDWIN G FRYE, *Telescope-Messenger*.

CAPITALISM—7

It's just as illogical to suggest abolishing capitalism because it hasn't abolished poverty as it would be to suggest abolishing the churches because they haven't abolished sin.—C DONALD DALLAS, chmn, Revere Copper & Brass Co.

CHARACTER—8

To be born a gentleman is an accident, but to die one is an achievement.—H P KAYE, *Men Only*. (London)

CHILDREN—Logic—9

The children listened carefully in Sunday school, then one asked his question: "When Adam and Eve were shut out at the gate, why didn't they climb the fence?" —MARCELENE COX, *Ladies' Home Jnl*.

CIVILIZATION—10

An eminent American theologian has said: "There is so little health in the whole of our modern civilization that one cannot find an island of order from which to proceed against disorder." — SUMNER H SLICHTER, economist, "Better Than We Think," *Atlantic*, 1-'50.

COMMUNISM—World—11

Before the war, about 9% of the world's people were under Communist control. Shortly after the war, following the Soviet expansion, about 13% were living under Communist regimes. Today, when China is counted in, about 35% of the people of the world are under the discipline of Communist gov'ts.—WM H HESSLER, for'n news analyst, *Cincinnati Enquirer*.

CONVICTION—12

Conviction is what some people never have until after the judge has pronounced sentence. — O A BATTISTA.

They say . . .

Vet-Times reports that GI poll indicates 38% of veterans dividend checks on service ins, now due, will go to pay debts; 18% will be banked. Retailers will vie for most of rest. The dividend check will carry gov't ad on back: "Invest wisely—buy U S Savings Bonds" . . . A baby sitter on the East coast has upped her rates 10¢ per hr for homes so far behind the times they don't even have a television set! . . . Western Air Lines now provide "pkg service" for couples who can spare only short time to get married. They can fly from Los Angeles to Las Vegas, be married inside plane (\$10 Justice of Peace fee), and be back in L A in 5 hrs . . . Latest figures show that average person eats 1½ tons of food per yr. The figures alone are enough to cause acute indigestion . . .

DECISION—13

If you jump at conclusions you'll suffer contusions.—*Good Business*.

DISCIPLINE—14

A spanking is administered at one end to impress the other.—MINNIE PEARL, radio comedian.

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DRINK—Drinking—15

Refusals to drink were taken very seriously in the old days and considered a breach of etiquette, so penalties were imposed. At banquets, if a person declined to drink a toast, his wrist was tied to a ring set high in the wall for this purpose. The refused drink or equal quantity of water was then poured down his sleeve. —*Irish Licensing World*.

EDUCATION—16

According to the U S Dep't of Education, the cost of tuition in private colleges has risen from 29% to 56%; in publicly controlled colleges and univ's, from 31% to 56%. — JAS W HAMPTON, "Small Colleges," *Good Housekeeping*, 2-'50.

FAME—17

Fame was harder to win in old days—Socrates had to down a cup of hemlock to become a man of distinction. —*Re-Saw*.

FEAR—18

There is a fascination in fear. There is a vortex that surrounds the concept of doom. When there is stark terror about, men magnify it and rush toward it. Those who have lived under the shelter of a wishful idealism are most prone to rush into utter pessimism when the shelter fails. No terror is greater than the unknown, except the terror of the half-seen. — VANNEVAR BUSH, *Modern Arms and Free Men*. (Simon & Schuster)

FINANCE—19

Today's dollar is just less than a 60¢ dollar. The dollar 50 yrs ago was a \$1.94 dollar. If trends of the last 50 yrs continue in the 50 yrs ahead, the dollar's worth by the yr 2000 is to be 18¢.—*U S News & World Report*.

FREEDOM—20

A liberated slave met his former master on the st. "Are you as well off as you were before you were free?" The Negro admitted that his clothes were frayed, his house leaked, and his meals were nothing like the food on the old plantation.

"Well, wouldn't you rather be a slave again?" his former owner questioned.

"No, massa," was the positive re-

ply. "There's a sort of looseness about this here freedom that I likes." — ZECHARIAH CHAFFEE, Jr, "Freedom and Fear," *Bulletin of the American Ass'n of Univ Prof's*, Autumn, '49.

GOSSIP—21

A catty remark often has more lives than a cat. — *Hart County (Ky) News*.

GOVT—22

Since 1787 the art of gov't has not progressed much. The founding fathers were the most amazingly keen and intellectual group of students of gov't in the history of the world. This is the age of science. That was the age of gov't. —Rep JOHN C KUNKEL, of Pa.

GRATITUDE—23

From a young polio victim's letter of thanks to a benefactor: "Now I have an iron lung and you have a heart of gold."—*Pathfinder*.

GREAT BRITAIN—DP's—24

Britain has given shelter to at least 380 thousand exiles since '33, the yr when Hitler came to power. She took in nearly 3 times as many refugees and displaced persons during '47-'48 as did the country next on the list, Canada, and almost 1/2 of the total number admitted by all countries. — LAWRENCE MAXWELL, *Signs of the Times*.

HUMAN RELATIONS—25

Learning to live with other people is life's most important lesson. It is a lesson that may be simultaneously puzzling, maddening, challenging, delightful and wonderful. It commences when as infants we first become aware of other human beings—and unless we take ourselves to a desolate island—ends only when we die. — *Practical Home Economics*.

INCOME—Expenditures—26

One-third of all American families spend more than they earn. — *New Republic*.

JUSTICE—27

In a Paris court a woman was tried who had been caught stealing a 100-franc bill out of the offering box at the shrine of St Therese. She claimed that the previous wk she had put in 100

francs, asking St Therese for something especial. "But she did not fulfill my wish," she cont'd, "and therefore I have taken back my 100 francs in order to try my luck with other saints."

The court came to no decision, perhaps recognizing that it was a borderline case between earthly and heavenly justice.—*Blick in die Welt*, Germany. (Quote translation)

LAZINESS—28

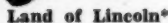
Loafing is never so sweet as when one should be working. — *G E News*, hm, Gen'l Electric Co.



In England, 170 yrs ago (Feb 14, 1780) there died a man whose name became, in our land, a household term; a synonym for absolute authority in the realm of jurisprudence. Yet so inept was this man in his chosen profession that, after 7 yrs of struggling effort, he turned to the lecture field for a livelihood.

Later, when WM BLACKSTONE* began to explain the law, his real genius became quickly apparent. He could not successfully practice, but how he could teach! His *Commentaries of the Laws of England* gave beginning lawyers and many established practitioners their 1st real concept of a living profession.

Strangely enough, while BLACKSTONE hated America, and held the colonists beneath contempt, it was this new land that gave him enduring fame. Some 2500 copies of his *Commentaries* were sold in America before the Revolution—a truly fantastic figure for that period. BLACKSTONE was neither widely read nor deeply venerated in his native land, but in America generations of apprenticed lawyers "read Blackstone" and rec'd no further formal education. To this day, the precepts and interpretations of the English master form much of the foundation of our common law.



One boy said: "I want to go to the land of Cotton!" for, at that time, cotton was king and the phrase had penetrated to that far-off city.

When a fighting officer flunked an exam in classical history by failure to identify 2 long dead heroes, he was denied promotion. Lincoln wrote on the exam paper: "This seems to be a quarrel between 2 dead men and a living officer. Give the job to the living man."—WALTER WINCHELL, *King Features Syndicate*.

A 3rd German boy said: "I want to go to the Land of Gold!" for the fabulous story of the gold

LEADERSHIP—29

They will say, "We did this ourselves."—Quoted by CHAS F WECKWORTH, "A Recreation Director Looks at the Social Values of College Recreation," *Recreation*, 10-'49.

LIFE—30

HENRY VANCE, *Birmingham News-Age-Herald*.

MANNERS—31

Manners are described as a difficult symphony in B natural.—*Arkansas Baptist.*

MEMORY-32

Our memories should be a hope chest in our youth, a reservoir in our middle life, and a treasure trove in our old age.—DAVE E. SMALLEY, "We Live By Our Memories," *Floorcraft*, hm, Floorcraft Publishing Co. 1-'50.

MIND-33

discovery in Calif—altho it was back in 1849—was just then coming to the consciousness of European people.

But it remained for the father of Rabbi Wise to express the most significant wish of all, when he, having listened to the whole conversation, said quietly but sincerely, "As for me, I want to go to the Land of Lincoln!"

MODERN AGE—34

Financing has sure become scientific down thru the ages. Do you realize that a money order would have saved the Prodigal Son the trouble of coming home?—**ARTHUR "BUGS" BAER, King Features Syndicate.**

OPINION—35

"Who do you think are the most selfish interests today—the business men, the labor unions, the farmers, the gov't officials, or any other group?" In reply to this query made recently in a Psychological Corp'n survey of people in 138 cities from coast to coast, labor unions were named as the most selfish interest by 42% of all respondents, gov't officials by 19%, business men by 17%, and farmers by 4%. The remainder said "all of them" or named other groups.—*Mat Review*.

ORIGIN: "Idiot"—36

The 5th century Greek word "iodiotes," from which our word "idiot" is derived, denoted a private citizen who took no part in public affairs.—REESE H TAYLOR, *Modern Industry*.

PAST-37

A humorist tells of a fabulous bird that flies backward because he doesn't care where he's going; he just wants to see where he's been. There are those who look toward the past for the past's sake. But a good oarsman rows a true course forward by looking backward intelligently. — WALTER L. MOORE, *Christian Herald*.

PEACE—38

The world will never have lasting peace so long as men reserve for war the finest human qualities. Peace, no less than war, requires idealism and self-sacrifice and a righteous and dynamic faith.—**JOHN FOSTER DULLES**, *Think*.

POLITICS—39

Years ago an old Roman rebuked a man who had spoken condescendingly about his appointment to a lowly office. "If the office will not lend dignity to me," he said, "I will lend dignity to it." —BRUCE BARTON, author, *Des Moines Register*.

PRIVACY—40

High upon the walls of the Assembly of the UN, of Congress, of

Parliament, and of every legislative body in the world should be written: "Man's fundamental right: The right to be let alone." Freedom from unjustifiable interference by the gov't is the fundamental right of every man.—DAVID SIMMONS, pres, American Bar Ass'n '44-'45, "The Right To Be Let Alone," *American Engineer*, 1-'50.

PSYCHOLOGY—41

The day after we had installed an air-conditioning system in a N Y C store, the mgr reported that several of his salesgirls had fainted. They weren't getting enough air, he claimed. Our equipment, I knew, had tested perfectly, but I promised to send over an engineer. The next day, with the sales force on its feet and happy, the engineer explained how he'd solved the problem. Finding the system working correctly, he'd merely tied a piece of ribbon to each register. Fluttering in the breeze, these ribbons spelled cool, airy comfort to everyone in the store. — GERALD L KAUFMAN, *Rotarian*.

RADIO—Television—42

Radio and television seem unable to decide whether they are man and wife engaged in a single family project or a pr of brothers trying to outsmart each other.—SAUL CARSON, *New Republic*.

RELIGION—43

More than 2,000 chaplains are caring for the spiritual needs of mbrs of the military forces and veterans. The Army reports 453 chaplains in this country and 307 overseas, the Navy has 444 chaplains, the Air Force 474, and the Veterans Administration 238 full-time and 220 part-time chaplains. — *Watchman-Examiner*.

RESPECT—44

Respect is what you have for the person who thinks your advice is sound.—*Banking*.

RUSSIA—Threat—45

Countries that have the Russian bear for neighbor are always afraid that something new is bruin.—*Wall St Jnl*.

SALESMANSHIP—46

Found in a fruit mkt: a bit of sales psychology. We had a taste for a few, just a very few, Bing cherries. There they were—ripe, luscious, but the least the man

would sell was ¼ of a lb for 15¢.

"Too much," we said.

"Too much?" repl'd our salesman, fixing us with a gimlet eye. "If you had a headache you'd spend 15¢ for a box of aspirin, wouldn't you?" We agreed.

"Then," he said triumphantly, "why not spend 15¢ for something you'll enjoy!"

We did.—*This Business of Selling*.

SECURITY—47

Security is like liberty in that many are the crimes in its name. —ROB'T JACKSON, U S Supreme Court Justice.

SOCIETY—48

With 6,000 yrs of recorded social history and all the wisdom, wit and philosophy of the sages and seers at one's command, it would appear that it might be possible to begin to lay the foundations of a genuine science of society.—Dr OLIVER C CARMICHAEL, pres, Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

SPEECH—Speaking—49

Some people speak from experience. Others, from experience, don't speak.—*Link-Belt News*, hm, Link-Belt Co.

TAXES—50

The scheme to reduce the nat'l debt (incurred by spending too much tax money) by raising taxes still higher is like feeding a cow nothing but her milk—only more of it.—*Construction Digest*.

THOUGHT—51

There seems to be a widespread idea among an ever growing number of people that the reading of newspapers and mag's, the listening to radio commentators and the looking at television forums is supposed to take the place of thinking. — ERICH BRANDEIS, *Cap-per's Wkly*.

TRANQUILITY—52

An old Chinese farmer was walking along the road with a stick across his shoulder. Hanging from the stick was a pot filled with soybean soup. Somebody joggled him and the jar fell off his stick and broke into a hundred pieces. The old farmer kept going right along.

A man rushed up to him and excitedly said, "Didn't you know that your jar broke?"

"Yes," the old farmer ans'd, "I know. I heard it fall."

"Why didn't you turn around and do something about it?"

"It's broken, isn't it? The soup is gone, what can I do about it?"—Dr NORMAN VINCENT PEALE, well known author and clergyman, *Democracy in Action*.

WORLD AFFAIRS—53

Considering how foolishly people act and how pleasantly they prattle, perhaps it would be better for the world if they talked more and did less.—SOMERSET MAUGHAM, *A Writer's Notebook*. (Doubleday)

WORRY—54

Over the hunters' campfire was a kettle of boiling water. In their absence, a bear wandered by and seized the kettle. Instead of dropping the burning cauldron, he hugged it to him—his only known method of defense.

Worries and troubles are like this. If, instead of dropping them immediately, you hug them to you, dwell on them, think on them and moan about them, they will burn you and lead to your undoing.—JULIA AVERY & ANN MOSSBERG, *DePauw*.

A Prayer Inscribed in Chester Cathedral (England)

Give me a good digestion, Lord,
and also something to digest—

Give me a healthy body, Lord,
with sense to keep it at its best—

Give me a healthy mind, Good Lord,
to keep the good and pure in sight,
which seeing sin is not appalled,
but finds a way to set it right.

Give me a mind that is not bored,
that does not whimper,
whine or sigh;
don't let me worry over-much about the fussy thing called I.

Give me a sense of humor, Lord;
give me the grace to see a joke,
to get some happiness from life,
and pass it on to other folk.

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lecting for the roof, sir," he said. "Every one of the neighbors I called on insisted on giving me a wee drap after paying down his subscription."

The minister was shocked. "Are there no teetotalers in the parish, Sandy?" he asked.

"Och, aye," was the reply. "Sure there's teetotalers. I've written to them."—*Home Topics*. **i**

On a trip in town, 7-yr-old Janie took her new collie into a grocery store.

"That's a fine dog you have there, Janie," said the grocer. "If she has pups will you please save me one?"

"I'd love to," repl'd Janie, "but Lady won't have pups. She's already had her tonsils out."—*Country Gentleman*. **j**

The plight of the European middle classes is dire, with many families having no money left at the end of the mo. In opulent America, on the contrary, we often find quite a bit of the mo left at the end of the money.—*Kansas City Star*. **k**

A visitor to a cemetery came upon a stone which bore the inscription *Sic transit gloria mundi*. "What does that mean?" he asked the sexton who was at work nearby. The sexton, not wishing to confess ignorance, repl'd, "Well, it means that he was sick transiently and went to glory on a Mon morning."—*New World*. **k**

London clubman's definition of the country: A damp sort of place where all sorts of birds fly about uncooked.—*Times of Brazil*. (Sao Paulo)

Here's the latest quip being whispered up the Danube:

It concerns an experiment by Trofim Lysenko, shrewd Soviet biologist, whose views on the prevalence of environment are endorsed by the Politburo. In his satellite lab, Lysenko succeeded in cross-breeding a cow and a giraffe. What was the result?

The resulting product grazes in Bulgaria and is milked in the Soviet Union.—*N Y Times*. **l**

A Hollywood producer was filming a Biblical scene. Things were not going too well, and he stormed and raved about the studio.

"Listen to me, you guys!" he shouted. "I'm paying \$1,000 a day for this sound apparatus, and I mean to get my money's worth. When those Ten Commandments are broken I want to hear 'em break! Do you get me?" — *Tit-Bits*. (London) **m**

Pres: Top official who takes a vacation when Harried.—*Wall St Jnl*. **n**

The little girl came home with a very unsatisfactory report card. "Young lady," remarked her father, "what is the trouble?" "There isn't any trouble," said the youngster calmly. "You know how it is yourself; things are always marked down after the Holidays."—*American Farm Youth*. **n**

Humor: Russian style

Customer: "Disgusting! Doesn't your cook have eyes? These are chicken feathers in the soup."

Waiter: "Indeed, it is an oversight on his part. It is goose soup, but these are chicken feathers."—*Krokodil*. (Moscow humor mag) **o**

A businessman who thought his staff was suffering from too much acute Spring fever pinned this note on the office bulletin board: "Bread may be the staff of life, but there is no reason why the life of our staff should be one long loaf."—*Breeze*. (Regina, Canada) **p**

Airplane ticket: *Fly paper.*—*Mrs J R NALL*, Louisville Courier-Jnl Mag. **q**

Up in Maine, the heirs of an eccentric character were trying to break his will. "And did you ever hear this man talking to himself when he was alone?" the heirs' att'y asked a witness.

"No, sir," said the state of Mainer in the box. "I never was with him when he was alone."—*Boston Globe*. **q**



COLOR: Development of new silica pigment so fine that 300 million particles will fit on end of ordinary pin makes possible mfr of strong rubber products, both natural and synthetic, in every color of rainbow; these products have been obtainable only in black. (*Horizons*, syndicated by Cambridge Assoc's)

DETERGENTS: Trylon Products Corp'n, Chicago, is marketing detergent in pellet form which cuts waste by insuring correct am't needed for average sinkload of suds. (*Newsweek*)

DISHES: Tipless dish for the baby has giant rubber suction cup beneath it which holds it to the table or high chair. (*Rotarian*)

ELECTRICAL APPLIANCES: New wonder appliance that heats, cools, dries, and cooks is only 15 in's high, 17 in's wide, and 11 in's deep. Besides providing immediate heat on chilly days, it becomes cooling fan for hot days simply by a switch of the dials. It can be used in laundering, or as a hair dryer. It may be used as a hot plate for light cooking. Price: \$40. (*Tracks*, hm, Chesapeake & Ohio Ry)

LIGHTING: Motorists and pedestrians can look forward to more comfortable night lighting on highways. Recently developed fluorescent st light provides softer, more pleasing light, creates better visibility for motorists, particularly on wet pavement. Lamp has higher efficiency, with relatively long life. (*Invention News*)

RADIO: Slot machine radios have been installed in back seats of some taxis. Passenger inserts dime in slot, selects any of 3 tunes which will play for about 6 min's. Music is broadcast from central radio station. (*Grit*)

Quote CALENDAR

With this issue, we inaugurate a new location for the QUOTE Calendar. Henceforth, it will appear on this page along with related mat'l. Timely tie-ins in other QUOTE dep'ts will be keyed at the end of the Calendar.

February 12-22—*Americanism Wk
12-18—Nat'l Crime Prevention Wk
13-20—American Heart Wk

February 12

- 1603—b Cotton Mather, American minister, author
- 1804—d Immanuel Kant, German philosopher
- 1809—*b Chas Darwin, English naturalist, author
- 1809—*b Abraham Lincoln, 16th U S Pres
- 1860—*b John L Lewis, American labor leader
- 1893—b Omar Bradley, American gen'l
- 1956—Scout Sunday
- 1950—*Race Relations Day

February 13

- 1818—d Geo Rogers Clark, American explorer
- 1893—*d Richard Wagner, German composer
- 1992—*b Grant Wood, American artist

February 14

- 1780—*d Wm Blackstone, English jurist
- 1859—Ore admitted to Union
- 1882—*b Geo Jean Nathan, American critic, author
- 1912—Aris admitted to Union
- 1950—*Valentine's Day

February 15

- 1564—b Galilei Galileo, Italian physicist
- 1809—*b Cyrus McCormick, American inventor
- 1820—b Susan B Anthony, American reformer
- 1845—b Elihu Root, American statesman
- 1861—*b Alfred North Whitehead, American philosopher
- 1892—b Jas V Forrestal, American statesman
- 1904—d Mark Hanna, American politician
- 1905—d Lew Wallace, American soldier, author

February 16

- 1938—b Henry Adams, American historian
- 1940—b Henry Watterson, American journalist
- 1886—b Van Wyck Brooks, American author
- 1898—b Katharine Cornell, American actress

February 17

- 1873—*d Jean Moliere, French dramatist
- 1827—d Johann Pestalozzi, Swiss educational reformer
- 1870—b Dorothy Canfield Fisher, American author
- 1913—d Joaquin Miller, American poet

February 18

- 1546—d Martin Luther, German religious reformer
- 1564—d Michelangelo, Florentine artist
- 1784—b Nicolo Paganini, Italian violinist, composer
- 1795—b Geo Peabody, American philanthropist
- 1892—*b Wendell Willkie, American politician
- 1898—d Frances Willard, American reformer

*Indicates relevant items on this page. See also May We Quote . . . Gem Box, Pathways to the Past.

CHAS DARWIN*

If I had my life to live over again, I would read some poetry and listen to some music at least once every wk; for perhaps the parts of my brain now atrophied would thus have been kept alive thru use. The loss of these tastes is a loss of happiness.

CYRUS McCORMICK*

Cyrus H McCormick, the inventor, had no patience with abolitionist churches. His pastor was in the habit of borrowing money from him, and also got free coal from McCormick's factory. One Sunday he preached a sermon denouncing slavery. McCormick cut off his coal supply, insisted on repayment of the borrowed money, and moved his mbrship to another church "where the minister had the good sense to leave controversial topics alone."—THOS H WARNER, *Church Mgt.*

JEAN MOLIERE*

Moliere was once asked why in some countries a king was judged fit to govern when he was 14, but was not allowed to marry until he was 18.

"Because," repl'd Moliere, "it is much more difficult to look after a wife than a kingdom."—*Tit-Bits.* (London)

Dear Valentine*

Say it with flowers,
Say it with eats;
Say it with kisses,
Say it with sweets.
Say it with jewelry,
Say it with drink;
But always be careful
Not to say it with INK!
—Old Maid.

GEO JEAN NATHAN*

Constructive criticism, as it is called and endorsed, too often erects an outhouse under the impression that it is a cathedral.—*American Mercury.*

RICHARD WAGNER*

About 1852, the introductions to Wagner's *Lohengrin* and *Tannhauser* appeared on the programs of the N Y Philharmonic Society. They were played at the end of the concert after a 5 min intermission. A note on the printed program requested that those who did not wish to listen to this new

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music avail themselves of the opportunity to leave the hall.—**DEEMS TAYLOR**, *Of Men & Music.* (Simon & Schuster)

ALFRED NORTH WHITEHEAD*

Common sense is genius in homespun.—**A H JOHNSON**, *Wit & Wisdom of Alfred North Whitehead.* (Beacon)

WENDELL WILLKIE*

RACE RELATIONS DAY*

"Freedom is an indivisible word," Wendell Willkie once said. "If we want to enjoy it, and fight for it, we must be prepared to extend it to everyone, whether they are rich or poor, whether they agree with us or not, no matter their race or the color of their skin."

GRANT WOOD*

A farmer walked up to one of Grant Wood's pictures, scrutinized it and backed away, shaking his head. Grant asked what seemed wrong. The farmer shook his head again and said, "I wouldn't give 35¢ an acre for that land."—**J R E CAMERON**, *Mag Digest.*

